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PART ONE: EXECUTIVE OFFICER POSITION DESCRIPTION DUTIES

4. Duties of the President

4.1. Be the official spokesperson for the Association.

I have been the official spokesperson for this quarter. It has been such a manic quarter for media that I've lost track of all the appearances that I've done, so cannot list it this time.

Some highlights have been:

- Morning Report
- Breakfast following the Prime Minister
- Spinoff running an opinion piece of mine
- RNZ The Panel to talk Hyde Street

4.2. In liaison with any appropriate affected parties, coordinate and oversee all interactions with other student associations, media organisations, the University of Otago, the Dunedin City Council, the Government of New Zealand, local authorities and any other external organisations and their representatives.

This includes, but is not limited to, the aforementioned media outlets, the University of Otago, Dunedin City Council, Otago Regional Council, New Zealand Union of Students' Associations (NZUSA) and its members, other students' associations such OPSA. I have met with the Mayor of Dunedin Jules Radich on multiple occasions, and continue to liaise with the DCC on relevant student matters.

OUSA has spoken to the ORC on bus fares twice, only one of which I could attend myself. The feedback was positive.

I continue to engage with MP Dr David Clark at least monthly. In the last Quarter I have met with MPs Rachel Brooking, Dr Ayesha Verrall, Grant Robertson, Chris Hipkins, Michael Woodhouse, Ingrid Leary, and called Chloe Swarbrick on multiple occasions.

I am in the process of organising regular meetings between OUSA and the TEU to coordinate responses to issues that affect the wider tertiary sector, and look forward to these continuing into the future.

I have also worked with representatives from MSD, MoE, and MBIE on issues relevant to students.

NZUSA President Ellen Dixon and Vice-President Tanighaere Gardiner both visited Dunedin this Quarter, and I have been working closely with them and VUWSA on relevant student issues such as the tertiary sector funding crisis, the winter energy payment and universal student allowance.

Maintain a good working relationship with the Otago Polytechnic Students' Association (OPSA), and coordinate joint activities when relevant or practical.

OPSA President Ezra resigned this quarter. I have since met with the Interim President Sarah and look forward to continuing our relationship into the future.

4.3. Be the Association's official representative on relevant external boards, committees or executives, including, but not limited to:

4.4.1. Council of the University of Otago (and requisite sub-committees);

I am the student representative on the Council of the University of Otago. This quarter, we had one council meeting which I attended. I am also a member of two sub-committees, the Appeals Board and the Finance and Budget Committee. The council is now meeting once a month, alongside smaller meetings as needed. I have had 2 appeals board meetings this quarter.

I have also been given the opportunity to sit on the University Councils strategy committee which sits as needed. I look forward to these in the future.

4.4.2. University of Otago Senate;

I am a member of the University Senate. I have attended all meetings of the University Senate, although had to leave one early to help facilitate the OUSA elections candidate forum. This quarter all OUSA representatives on senate voted against the removal of the German language program.

4.4.3. New Zealand Union of Students' Association's National Council; and

I am a member of the New Zealand Union of Students' Associations National Council. This quarter we have been coordinating the general election campaign and responses to the funding crisis of facing tertiary education. In July I will travel to Pōneke to attend the national conference and presidents hui. I attend NZUSA meetings as often as available, however have missed the occasional one where there is a clash. I ensure to keep up to date with Ellen, Tangi and Ralph on all NZUSA matters.

4.4.4. Any other national student body affiliate where applicable.

I'm not sure which section this is relevant to, but I will be the NZUSA representative for CUAP for this year. I also sit on the NZUSA board.

There has been 1 CUAP meeting and 1 round of feedback this month. I provided feedback on behalf of NZUSA on most proposals, however will need to work with NZUSA to find a better system for this as it is very time consuming and I am not an expert in a large number of the subject matter.

The NZUSA board has met once this year, after a delayed start owing to the resignation of one of the NZUSA vice presidents. I chaired this board meeting and look forward to continuing to support the advancement of national student issues.

4.4. Hold membership and, where reasonable, attend all internal committees of the Association.

This quarter I have acted as the chair of the Policy Committee for its first two meetings, and look forward to attending these now the chair has been passed back to the Administrative Vice-President. I have also attended all meetings of the Grants Panel, and FESC throughout the quarter.

Our Elections Subcommittee has met on occasion and I look forward to progressing the election work throughout the next semester.

Be given first opportunity for appointment as a Director of any company where the Association holds the power to make such an appointment, including, but not limited to:

4.4.1. University Union Limited; and;

The Finance and Strategy Officer serves on the University Union Limited Board.

4.4.2. University Book Shop Otago Limited.

OUSA President no longer sits on this board as a director.

4.5. Chair all meetings of the OUSA Executive and ensure that the standing orders of the Executive are adhered to.

I have chaired all executive meetings this quarter but one. I have under the careful eye of our association Secretary ensured adherence to the standing orders of the meeting. I thank Donna Jones for her guidance. I also thank the Administrative Vice-President for chairing the executive meeting I was unable to chair whilst in Pōneke

4.6. Ensure that an adequate level of consultation between the Executive and staff is maintained on all relevant matters of interest to the Association.

I meet as required with the Association CEO to discuss anything and everything (including bread recipes). We have a standing weekly meeting with the OUSA marketing team which I attend as often as possible, and meet with the wider association staff as necessary. We have consulted the managers on the updated OUSA strategic plan, which I hope will go through at this executive meeting.

Where relevant matters arise, prepare verbal reports to the Executive and a written summary for the Executive, of all relevant matters of interest to the Association.

4.7. Report on NZUSA activity at regular OUSA Executive meetings

There is a standing item on the executive meeting for NZUSA updates. I regularly report on what they've been up to, and thank the exec for putting up with my complaints when things aren't running smoothly.

4.8. In conjunction with the Finance and Strategy Officer and Political Representative, oversee any political campaigns undertaken by the Association actively seeking to inform the student body and general public on student issues and concerns.

I've been working closely with the whole executive on this, as we decided that these campaigns are best led by the exec. We've protested, held a forum where students got to question the Prime Minister on tertiary education.

We're also pushing a petition on extending the winter energy payment to students, and about to work with VUWSA on a petition for a universal student allowance. Our political strategy needs to be updated given the current university financial situation but all together I think we're pretty clear on what we're doing.

4.9. Maintain a good working relationship with the Administrative Vice-President, Finance and Strategy Officer, Academic Representative and Welfare and Equity Representative, meet with them weekly and, where reasonable, liaise with them on a daily basis.

I maintain a strong working relationship with all the mentioned roles above (I hope). While I don't meet weekly all the time, we meet as needed depending on what is going on with the association and executive at the time. They can always ring me, text me, throw a brick through my window with a note on it, whatever they need.

4.10. Maintain a good working relationship with all other Executive Officers and, where reasonable, liaise with them individually on a weekly basis.

As above, don't have standing times but I catch up with them all the time to chat about whatever. I enjoyed the post prime minister's forum executive beers and think this needs to become a standing commitment.

4.11. Maintain a good working relationship with Te Rōpū Māori Tumuaki and uphold the duties of the President as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Otago University Students' Association and Te Rōpū Māori.

Haki and I have a good working relationship. I appreciate his support this year on a variety of issues, and his guidance and leadership on all things Māori. We are planning to host a UOPISA x TRM OUSA BBQ early next semester as our social event, and I look forward to grossly over catering (if anyone has any requests please let me know)

Maintain a good working relationship with the Chief Executive Officer and, where reasonable, meet with them on a weekly basis.

Debbie and I meet regularly for varying lengths. I update her on the exec and she updates me on everything else. We maintain a good working relationship and I thank her for all her hard work so far this year.

4.12. Supervise the Chief Executive Officer on behalf of the Executive, including setting and reviewing of annual Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

I act as the supervisor for Debbie and have signed off her leave etc as needed. Debbies KPIs will be established once the new strategic plan is complete (hopefully at this meeting!) We will ensure that these are reasonable given the time frame and hopefully establish some long term goals too.

Where appropriate, seek advice from the Honorary Solicitor on legal matters relevant to the Association.

4.13. Be available via cell phone at all practical times.

Yeah dog, my girlfriend is always telling me to get off the phone.

4.14. Perform the general duties of all Executive Officers.

I've been at BBQs, tertiary open day, on the social media, joined Imogen at the engagement table, been to all exec meetings, you name it I'll get in on it.

4.15. In the final quarter, write and submit an Annual Review as President, for the purpose of inclusion in the Annual Report. Where practical, work not less than forty hours per week.

Annual review N/A. I've definitely worked no fewer than 40 hours a week this quarter.

PART TWO GENERAL DUTIES OF ALL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

3. General Duties of all Executive Officers

- 3.1. The appointed term for all OUSA Executive Officers shall commence from the 1st of January and will terminate on the 31st of December of that same year.**

Achieved (so far). I have been in Dunedin since January 9th, and not quit yet!

- 3.2. Where reasonable, all Executive Officers are expected to assist as volunteers for OUSA events and functions, including, but not limited to:**

Assisting at the OUSA Tent City and other activities during Summer School, Orientation and Re-Orientation; and; Assisting with elections and referenda where appropriate.

I helped at the tertiary open day and related BBQ. I also helped organise the AGM and rope people into coming (thank you to Imogen for getting it off the ground and Quorate!). I ensured all the elections information was on the website and accessible, and helped write the marketing blurbs.

- 3.3. Where reasonable, all Executive Officers are to be available for Executive meetings, national conferences, national and local campaigns, Executive training sessions and Executive planning sessions.**

I have attended all exec meetings, and chaired every executive meeting bar one this quarter. I've been to a whole lot of NZUSA meetings, and tried to get to wellington for a VUWSA hui but my flights were cancelled (hopefully I'll be there the day this report gets handed in)

All Executive officers shall:

- 3.3.1. Keep up to date with the Finance and Strategy Officer's Executive budget, bringing to the finance and strategy officer any spending proposals, keeping track of their spending and ensuring they do not exceed budgeted expenditure;**

I've been working with the FSO to ensure we remain within our budgetary limits. I have identified some expenditure that will exceed our budgetary limits so am working to ensure that this doesn't put us well out of budget. These issues were

a result of increased expenditure due to changes in commercial structure. I ensure that any expenditure outside of the norm is discussed with the FSO.

Educate themselves on needs and experiences relevant to historically marginalised demographic groups including intersectionality and promote and encourage all demographics to participate, where relevant, in clubs, societies, committees and OUSA events;

I've worked closely with UniQ this semester to ensure that OUSA remain strong advocates for our queer community. This has included helping to ensure the provision of gender neutral bathrooms, and maintaining the queer space. We've also been in discussion of how we can better ensure queer representation and support at all levels of OUSA.

I remain in contact with NDSA and thank them for their support and proactive engagement over the last quarter.

I also regularly reach out to all the clubs to promote the work OUSA is doing and invite them to invite their members. I have also reached out to the Otago Muslim students association inviting them to discuss how we can better ensure OUSA activities are accessible to all members of our student community.

Prioritise sustainability and minimization of environmental impacts in all aspects of their role and keep up to date with environmental issues;

I try to keep my printing to a minimum, and instead work as digitally as possible. As a part of our updated strategic plan we will be working on a sustainability strategic framework, and have ensured that an understanding of climate responsibility is embedded in the strategy.

I and the political representative spoke to the regional council about supporting free bus fares for tertiary students, and have continued to advocate for this by supporting the Free Fares campaign. We also supported the climate strike, which I was sadly unable to attend due to a clash.

I provided feedback on the universities sustainability strategy and am glad to see that has passed too.

Every quarter undertake five hours of voluntary service which contributes to the local community.

I volunteered my time to speak at a green party panel about liveable incomes for students, and also to work on the peace garden on Albany Street.

3.3.2. Regularly check and respond to all communications

I spend too long looking at emails, and do not believe I have missed or not responded to any necessary communications.

PART THREE: ATTENDANCE AND INVOLVEMENT IN OUSA AND UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

I'm not going to list every meeting I have attended this semester, as this list would be absolutely excessive. It's been a lot, and I'm happy for anyone interested to look at my calendar!

I lost the list of committees I sit on. It's a lot. Some new ones that have come up since last time include:

Graduations working group
Learner Success Plan Steering Group
Learner Success Plan Advisory Group
Regular University x TEU x OUSA Huis

PART FOUR: GOALS AND YOUR PROGRESS

Goal One: Improve OUSA Engagement.

I believe that we are making good progress on this! We had a quorate AGM, the most candidates for a single role in an election since 2017, and good numbers of people coming past our engagement tables. I thank the whole exec for their work on this, this has been a huge collective effort and it's great to see the progress we're making.

I've created an executive Instagram which will be launched next semester, and the terms of reference has gone through the policy committee to ensure it is long lasting. I'm hoping this will improve the engagement between the executive and students directly.

I'm also hoping to host some more active huis next semester about student issues, such as program restructuring and deletions. We hosted one for concerned languages students this semester that was very successful, and I hope to continue these in the future.

Goal Two: Make progress with a student bar.

In a sense. Starters current building is pretty fucked, and it's likely we'll leave that building. But rather than seeing that as moving away from progress, I think it gets us out of the mindset of that version of starters. We've been working with the DCC and University on the issue, including around funding, locations, and regulatory work. We're always on the hunt for a new venue, and sometimes I buy lotto tickets so I can hopefully fund one for the association.

Goal Three: Clear COVID Policy

This was a campaign priority for me, but given the change in public attitudes and legislative requirements towards COVID since the campaign this is less of an issue. The vice chancellor and I have had a discussion about the universities COVID policy for this year and I believe that any further work in this space will be carried out on an as needed basis.

Goal Four: Facilitate a Strong General Election Campaign

As outlined below, this has had to change its shape a bit since the current financial situation. But we've been doing some good work on our initial plan too which I'll speak about here. We started a petition calling for the winter energy payment for students which has received ~1500 signatures, which given the amount of marketing we've done thus far I am quite happy. I look forward to pushing this more next semester.

Better rentals is an ongoing conversation with ministers and MPs, and Lilly has been doing some excellent work in this space to come out next semester. I've also been working with VUWSA on Universal Student Allowance, and look forward to beginning to launch some of that work soon.

Goal Five: Stop the cuts!

Since we've achieved the UTSNZ funding, I've decided that this needs to be updated with the incredibly relevant goal of safeguarding students from the looming tertiary education crisis.

This semester we held a protest which had ~200 people in attendance calling for sustainable education funding. We've also done a hell of a lot of media, written 2 OpEds on the funding situation, and lobbied a lot of MPs (including an hour long forum with the Prime Minister) on the funding situation. Our open letter alongside VUWSA and the TEU has done incredibly well this far. I am yet to meet with the Minister of Education but have received confirmation that such a meeting will go ahead.

Work is ongoing with the TEU, POAG, and University to continue this campaign, and I am confident we're making a difference, even if this is yet to be realised. I will be in Wellington the day this is due to support VUWSA and the TEU as that is the day Victoria will be announcing their redundancies.

PART FIVE: GENERAL

As I mentioned in part 4 – I'm not going to list all my meetings. There's been a lot this semester.

This semester has been an absolute whirlwind. I'm so incredibly grateful for such a supportive executive. The universities financial situation has dominated much of my workload, and I can only imagine will continue to in Q3.

Some things I'm incredibly proud of this semester are:

Our Prime Ministers Forum – I don't recall another opportunity like that where students have got to directly question their government, and voice their opinions like that. I think

it was amazing to see our prime minister having to front the difficult questions, and it really showed how engaged students are politically. While we may be unlikely to get one again in the near future, I'm incredibly proud to have been able to facilitate such an event.

Strategic Plan – The plan is in its final editing stage and will hopefully be at this meeting. This has been a huge body of work and I'm so excited to see it adopted and come into place. I think it is truly reflective of who we are (and want to be) as an association, and hope that it helps to set a positive direction for OUSA. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in this project.

Stop the cuts: We have really been able to put the screws on government, and set the tone for this discussion. Thank you to VUWSA for helping support this work.

To all the exec, thank you for your hard work this semester. I couldn't do this without a supportive team.

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Ngā mihi,

Quintin Jane